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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 5 and amend claim 1 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A surface-shaped light irradiation device comprising:

a dot light source which comprises a flat light emitting surface for emitting a light, and which emits a light

5 substantially radiately; and

a light guiding plate which comprises a light entrance end surface from which a light emitted from said flat light emitting surface of said dot light source enters, a light emitting surface which is one principal surface for guiding the light entering
10 from said light entrance end surface and emits a substantially uniform light therefrom, a back surface which is an other principal surface opposite to said light emitting surface, and a retaining section which retains said dot light source at a predetermined set position, wherein said retaining section

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15 includes a wall which surrounds a periphery of said dot light
source, said wall being formed by said light entrance end surface
positioned at one end of said light guiding plate, and said dot
light source is disposed in an area surrounded by said retaining
section and said light entrance end surface, and is fixed to said
20 retaining section in a state where said flat light emitting
surface abuts on said light entrance end surface of said light
guiding plate by an adhesive agent disposed between a surface of
the dot light source, other than its flat light emitting surface,
and the retaining section.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). The surface-shaped light
irradiation device according to claim 1,

wherein said retaining section is formed integrally with
said light guiding plate by being formed extendedly from said
5 light entrance end surface positioned at one end of said light
guiding plate.

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Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim 1,

wherein said dot light source is fixed to said wall opposite to said light entrance end surface by an adhesive agent.

Claim 7 (Original). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim 6,

wherein said retaining section comprises a wall which is formed in such a manner as to protrude from said light entrance
5 end surface positioned at one end of said light guiding plate and to surround said dot light source, and a hole for storing an adhesive agent is formed in said wall.

Claim 8 (Original). The surface-shaped light irradiation device according to claim 1,

wherein:

said dot light source is mounted on a flexible wiring board
5 on which a circuit for lighting said dot light source is formed;
and

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a part of said flexible wiring board is adhered to a back of
said light guiding plate by an adhesive member.

Claim 9 (Original). The surface-shaped light irradiation
device according to claim 8,

wherein said adhesive member is a both-surface adhesive
tape.